

Welcome to Selfridge Air National Guard Base

A Joint Military Community



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**MICHIGAN AIR NATIONAL GUARD
HEADQUARTERS 127TH WING (ACC)
SELFDRIDGE ANG BASE, MICHIGAN**

MEMORANDUM FOR Visitors and Guests

FROM: 127 WG/CC
29553 George Avenue
Selfridge ANGB, MI 48045

SUBJECT: Welcome to Selfridge Air National Guard Base

1. The men and women of Michigan National Guard's 127th Wing welcome you to the "D" and to the suburb of Macomb County. No matter the season, you'll find boating, skiing, fishing, hiking, shopping, casinos, museums, music and sporting events within a short distance from where you are staying. The Guardsmen at Selfridge ANG Base are fully integrated into this diverse community which supports its military and will welcome you as well.
2. Selfridge Air National Guard Base located approximately 20 miles north of metro Detroit on the western shoreline of Lake St. Clair in Harrison Township, Michigan. Selfridge is home of many Department of Defense and Department of Homeland Security units, including the Air National Guard, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Customs and Border Protection and Border Patrol. Selfridge takes pride in being the only reserve forces base to have permanently assigned units from all five of the uniformed services. The Michigan Air National Guard's 127th Wing is the host unit at the base supporting more than 40 tenant units, a variety of flying operations, a daily work force of approximately 1,200 and a traditional guard/reserve force of close to 6,000 personnel. The 127th Wing has groups reporting to Air Combat Command (A-10s), Air Mobility Command (KC-135s) and Air Force Special Operations Command (107th Weather Flight).
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4. If there is anything we can do to support you during your visit, please don't hesitate to contact our Public Affairs Office at (586)239-5576 with any of your questions. This office will be able to directly respond or provide contacts for any of your concerns. Thank you for visiting Selfridge Air National Guard Base and the 127th Wing.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael T. Thomas", is positioned above the printed name.

MICHAEL T. THOMAS, Col, MI ANG
Commander

Selfridge Air National Guard Base

Selfridge Air National Guard Base is located approximately 20 miles north of Detroit on the western shoreline of Lake St. Clair in Harrison Township, Michigan. Selfridge Air National Guard Base is home to many diversified Department of Defense and Department of Homeland Security units, including the Air National Guard, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Customs and Border Protection and Border Patrol.



Selfridge takes pride in being the only reserve forces base to have permanently assigned units from all five of the uniformed services. Selfridge is hosted by the Michigan Air National Guard's 127th Wing which has elements reporting to Air Combat Command (A-10s), Air Mobility Command (KC-135s) and Air Force Special Operations Command (107th Weather Flight).

Selfridge is a 3,000-plus acre military airfield with capacity for new mission opportunities, posturing the 127th Wing and SANGB for future missions and a sizeable increase of the federally-friendly community. With about 350 buildings, 25 miles of roads, and 1.2 million square yard of runways/taxiways and apron space, Selfridge has room for mission growth, while maintaining the support of the community that has surrounded the airfield for almost 100 years.

127th Wing

The mission of the 127th Wing is to provide trained, equipped and motivated air refueling, fighter and support resources serving the community, state and nation. The 127th Wing effectively triples mission capability by utilizing a single cost-efficient Mission Support Group dedicated to supporting three MAJCOMS (ACC/AMC/AFSOC), including two distinctly separate flying missions – the A-10 and the KC-135.

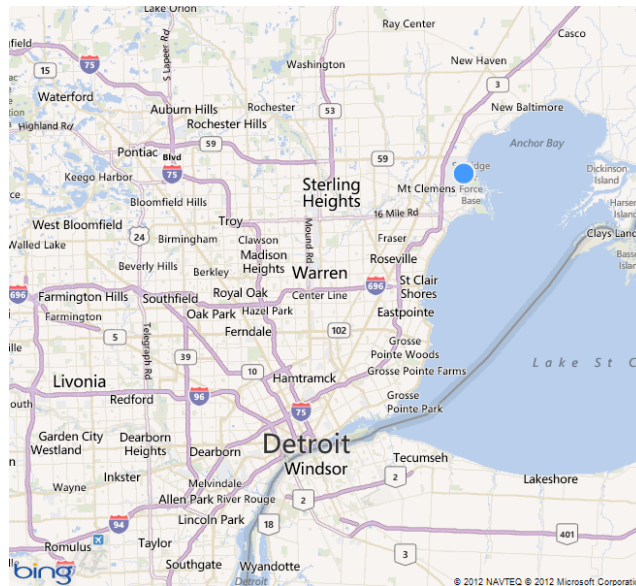
The Michigan Air National Guard's 127th Wing is also the host at the joint service installation, supporting more than 40 tenant units, a variety of flying operations, a daily work force of approximately 1,200 and a traditional Guard/Reserve force of close to 6,000 personnel.

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Directions

Selfridge is located approximately 20 minutes north of Detroit. The main gate is off of Interstate 94, exit 240-A to the east.



Many GPS devices route visitors to Selfridge through Harrison Township, and exit 237 from I-94; however, the North River Road gate is for ID card holders only, not visitors.

If you will be arriving by commercial airlines at Detroit Metro Airport (DTW) plan on 45 minutes to an hour to arrive at Selfridge, depending on Detroit traffic. Commercial transportation is readily available at the airport.

Detroit is a major stop for most airlines, and is a hub stop for Delta Airlines.

Arriving on Base

Selfridge has two entry control gates. The main gate off Hall Road and I-94 is open 24 hours a day and houses a Visitor's Center. The Golf Gate, off North River Road, is open from 5:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. and is closed on federal holidays. Visitors and deliveries cannot gain access through the Golf Gate.

The base is divided geographically into a west side and east side.

Major organizations on the east side include the 127th Wing and many components of the Army. The west side of the base houses the Border Patrol, Customs and Border Protection and the Homeland Security Air and Marine Wing, the Navy's Operations Support Center and SeaBees, Coast Guard Air Station Detroit, Michigan Army National Guard units, and Marine Wing Support Group 47 Detachment B, and 1st Bat/24th Marine Regiment. Also located on the north side of the base are STARBASE and the Selfridge Military and Air Museum, which is operated by the Michigan Air National Guard Historical Association.

Pass and Registration

The Pass and Registration Office is in the Visitor's Center at the main gate (M-59/Hall Road) entrance. Applications for civilian and contractor identification cards must be obtained from the respective personnel office. Unit security managers process restricted area badge requests. The Visitor's Center is open Monday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Tuesday-Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For military identification cards, contact the Military Personnel Flight, Customer Service Section at 586-239-4516.



Building 304 houses the Michigan Air National Guard's 127th Force Support Squadron which can assist with ID cards and DEERS enrollment. For more information, call 586-239-4387.

Lodging/Housing

While many active duty members are stationed at Selfridge, the base is largely a reserve forces installation. Currently there is no lodging at the base and local hotels should be used for immediate lodging needs.

There is also no housing available on Selfridge. The nearby U.S. Army Garrison-Detroit Arsenal located in Warren, Michigan, supports all Department of Defense branches, Homeland Security and other federal government agencies and has a Housing Services Office ready to assist new arrivals in finding suitable housing on the local economy. For local housing opportunities, register with the Automated Housing Referral Network (AHRN.com) viewing the Detroit Arsenal/U.S. Army Garrison area.

The Transportation Management Office for household goods shipping can be reached at 586-282-5745.

Weapons and Firearms

Concealed weapons permits issued by civil authorities are not valid on Selfridge. If you plan on bringing a firearm on base, you must inform the gate guard of the intended use and destination. Call the Law Enforcement desk for more information at 586-239-4673.

Base Exchange/Commissary

The Selfridge Base Exchange is located off George Avenue in the shopping complex, and it operates a variety of activities on Selfridge ANGB. The Exchange offers a great selection of



clothing, electronics, house wares, health and beauty aids, cosmetics, linens, luggage, outdoor furniture and a garden shop (seasonal). Visit the AAFES Web page at www.aafes.com and click on military locations for more information, or call 586-465-0960 for in-store information. The BX is home to numerous vendors and restaurants.

The Shoppette and Class Six, now known as the BX Express, are collocated in the west corner of the BX, with a separate, external entrance. Gas and auto services are available at the old Shoppette location on Jefferson Avenue.

The Selfridge Commissary is located on George Avenue next to the BX, and has more than 18,000 items stocked daily. It serves thousands of active duty, Guard and Reserve members and military retirees. The store recently underwent a major renovation, and is open Tuesday - Sunday. For more information, contact the store at 586-239-4876.

Joint Dining Facility

The Dining Facility located off George Avenue between Birch and Wagner Streets, is operated by the 127th Force Support Squadron. Lunch is served on drill weekends only. The facility is open daily and is available as a conference space for up to 300 people at Selfridge with complete audio/visual capabilities. Contact the 127th Force Support Squadron at 586-239-5582 for more information.

Joint Medical Training Facility

The 127th Medical Group provides daily operational medical support to the 127th Wing. **The facility is not a medical treatment facility.**

To access medical treatment, including primary care or urgent care appointments, please call your designated primary health care physician, or in the case of emergency call 9-1-1. TRICARE is a health care program for members of the uniformed services and their families and survivors, and retirees and their family members. More information on TRICARE can be found at www.tricare.mil.

Legal Office

The Selfridge Legal Office offers limited free legal help to valid military identification card holders, including active duty military members and their immediate family members, retired military members and their immediate family members, widows and dependents of deceased retired military members. All services are free of charge upon proof of eligibility. Services provided include wills, living wills, powers of attorney, notary services, consumer problems, landlord/tenant issues and financial problems. The base legal office is located in building 303. Call 586-239-4078 for more information on legal assistance hours or to schedule an appointment.

Postal Service

Selfridge has a U.S. Post Office on Jefferson Avenue near the main gate. It is a fully operational post office with express and priority mail, stamps and rental post office boxes. For additional information, stop in to see the Postal Service Center Monday through Friday, between 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. or 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.

Child Development Center

The CDC at Selfridge was closed per BRAC 2005 when the U.S. Army Garrison relocated to TACOM in Warren. However, the CDC at Selfridge is currently under renovation and the US Army Garrison-Detroit Arsenal has plans to operate the Child Development Center as a satellite center of their main center at TACOM in the near future. The CDC will offer full-time care for children of civilians and DOD primary contractors, ages six weeks through kindergarten. Contact CYS Central Registration at 586-282-3010 for more information.

Public Schools

Selfridge is located in Macomb County, which offers public school programs through the Macomb Intermediate School District. Macomb County is home to 21 public school districts and 225 public schools. Each strives to provide a progressive and effective education to nearly 130,000 students in grades K-12. There are also 10 public school academies in the county and nearly 50 private and parochial schools in the county.



Macomb Intermediate School District
Leadership, Service & Support in Education

There are 28 public high schools in the county. Each provides students with opportunities to participate in a Career Technical Education to prepare them for successful career entry, advancement and/or continuing education. Some of the most popular programs include business services/technology, marketing, drafting, graphics/print communication, hospitality and food service and auto service technician.

Area high schools also participate in a variety of school-to-work programs which enable students to work while earning credits necessary for graduation. While this provides a very valuable lesson for youth, it also provides opportunities for employers to “grow-their-own” employees while reinforcing positive work ethics.

For more information, visit www.misd.net.

Credit Union

Central Macomb Community Credit Union has a branch office at Selfridge off Jefferson Avenue. The credit union proudly serves the military and civilian personnel of Selfridge. The credit union’s main branch is located in Clinton Township and also operates a branch in Sterling Heights. Central Macomb Community Credit Union has many programs available for its members. For more information, stop by one of their branches, call 586-466-7800, or visit their Web site at www.cmccu.com.

Honor Guard

The Selfridge Honor Guard is an elite group of extraordinary Airmen who have dedicated themselves to honoring those who have served our country with honor and dignity. The unit has a history rich with military tradition, professionalism and dedication, and the Selfridge Honor Guard members are proud to represent Selfridge ANGB and the U.S. Air Force throughout Michigan. Contact the Honor Guard at 586-239-4352 for program information.



Golf Course

The US Army Garrison-Detroit Arsenal’s Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation division runs an 18-hole golf course at Selfridge. The course was originally established in the late 1940s and is situated at the southeast end of the base flight line.

A \$2.6 million project in October 1997 resulted in an improved par 72, PGA-sanctioned course complete with large undulating greens and challenging new hole layouts. The driving range features two tiers with ample tee space, five artificial mats and three large practice target greens along with a practice sand trap. Adjacent to the clubhouse is an 8,000-square-foot putting green surface with many levels, mounds and rolls to challenge all players, beginner to pro. For fees and scheduling, contact the Golf Club at 586-239-4653.

Mulligan's Club House

US Army Garrison-Detroit's FMWR operates Mulligan's Restaurant at the Selfridge Golf Course. Menu items vary from sandwiches to complete dinners with specials offered monthly. Lunch is served daily throughout the year, while dinners are available nightly in the summer. Breakfast is available during golf season.

Holiday specials and events are planned in advance and advertised throughout the base. Club membership is also available. Call 586-239-4344 for more information.

Former Services

Housing, family campgrounds, base gymnasium and swimming pools are some of the most frequently requested services of patrons to Selfridge; however, these services are not currently offered at the base, since BRAC 2005.

Selfridge Military Air Museum

The Air Museum is the primary outreach effort of the Michigan Air Guard Historical Association, a non-profit organization established in 1975. The Air Museum and Park are open to the general public from April through October on weekends, Memorial Day, and Independence Day from noon to 4:30 p.m. The Museum and Air Park can be opened at other times by appointment for groups by contacting the Museum at 586-239-6768. Admission is \$4 per guest over 12 years old, and \$3 for children 3-12.



STARBASE One

Selfridge is home of the very first STARBASE program. The Department of Defense STARBASE program offers a positive, proven approach to engendering excitement and interest in science, technology, engineering and math for 5th grade children. After 18 years of success, the DoD STARBASE dream has blossomed from a single classroom at Selfridge to classrooms in 34 states, Washington D.C., Indian reservations and U.S. Territories. The program has provided 20-25 hours of experiences at military bases for more than 600,000 students!

For information on the Star Base Programs offered Selfridge, contact their office at 586-239-4884.

Frequently Requested Numbers

The area code for Selfridge is 586.

Public Affairs - 239-5576

Pass & ID - 239-5161

DEERS - 239-4516

Recruiting - 239-5511

Family Support - 239-5583

Retiree Affairs - 239-5580

Commissary - 239-5570

BX/PX - 239-4614 or 465-0960

BX Express (Shoppette and Class Six) - 239-4614 or 465-0960

Shoppette (Gas and auto services only) - 239-4256

Space A Recording - 239-2606

Selfridge Safety Information

Cell phone use

Selfridge is a Department of Defense installation, which means there is to be no hand-held cell phone use while operating a motor vehicle. Hands-free cell phones and Blackberries are authorized for use by vehicle operators and passengers at all times. Passengers may use cell phones and Blackberries. Cell phones are prohibited on the flight line.

Speed limits

The speed limit on Selfridge is 25 mph unless otherwise posted. The following areas have reduced speed limits for safety reasons:

Vehicle parking areas – 5 mph

Aircraft parking ramp – 15 mph (5 mph within 25 feet of an aircraft)

Flight line access areas – 15 mph

Designated traffic lanes on the ramp, taxiway or within 200 feet of aircraft parking area – 15 mph

Anyone needing to drive a motor vehicle on the flight line must complete Selfridge flight line orientation prior to driving. All traffic flow on the aircraft parking ramp shall be in accordance with the Selfridge flight line driving plan, driver's side toward aircraft. Do not drive diagonally across the aircraft parking ramp.

Vehicle parking

Vehicles will not be backed or parked in the immediate vicinity of any aircraft (25 feet in front, 200 feet to the rear), except as authorized for ops such as loading, unloading, servicing or towing. A spotter will be posted when a vehicle is backed toward an aircraft. Pre-position wheel chocks to prevent vehicles from being backed into aircraft. Set parking brakes on all parked vehicles.

All unattended vehicles will be parked so they will not interfere with the aircraft being towed or taxied. Park within the painted white "clear zones" when necessary and turn off the ignition but leave the keys in the ignition. Place manual transmissions in reverse and automatic transmissions in park. Set the parking brake or place chocks in front and behind a rear wheel or between wheels on tandem axels.

Be extra vigilant for emergency vehicles responding to emergencies as they are exempt from some traffic restrictions.

Motorcycles

Motorcycle riders will comply with Air Force Instruction 91-207, *The U.S. Air Force Traffic Safety Program*, complete an approved motorcycle safety course. Protective clothing is required while on base. Though Michigan recently passed a law making the wear of helmets optional for drivers/riders 18 years and older, the DoD still requires helmet wear on base for all individuals. Active duty military must wear their helmets at all times, on or off base. For more information on helmet wear guidelines and other personal protective equipment requirements, contact the 127th Wing Safety Office at 586-239-5854.

Pedestrian safety

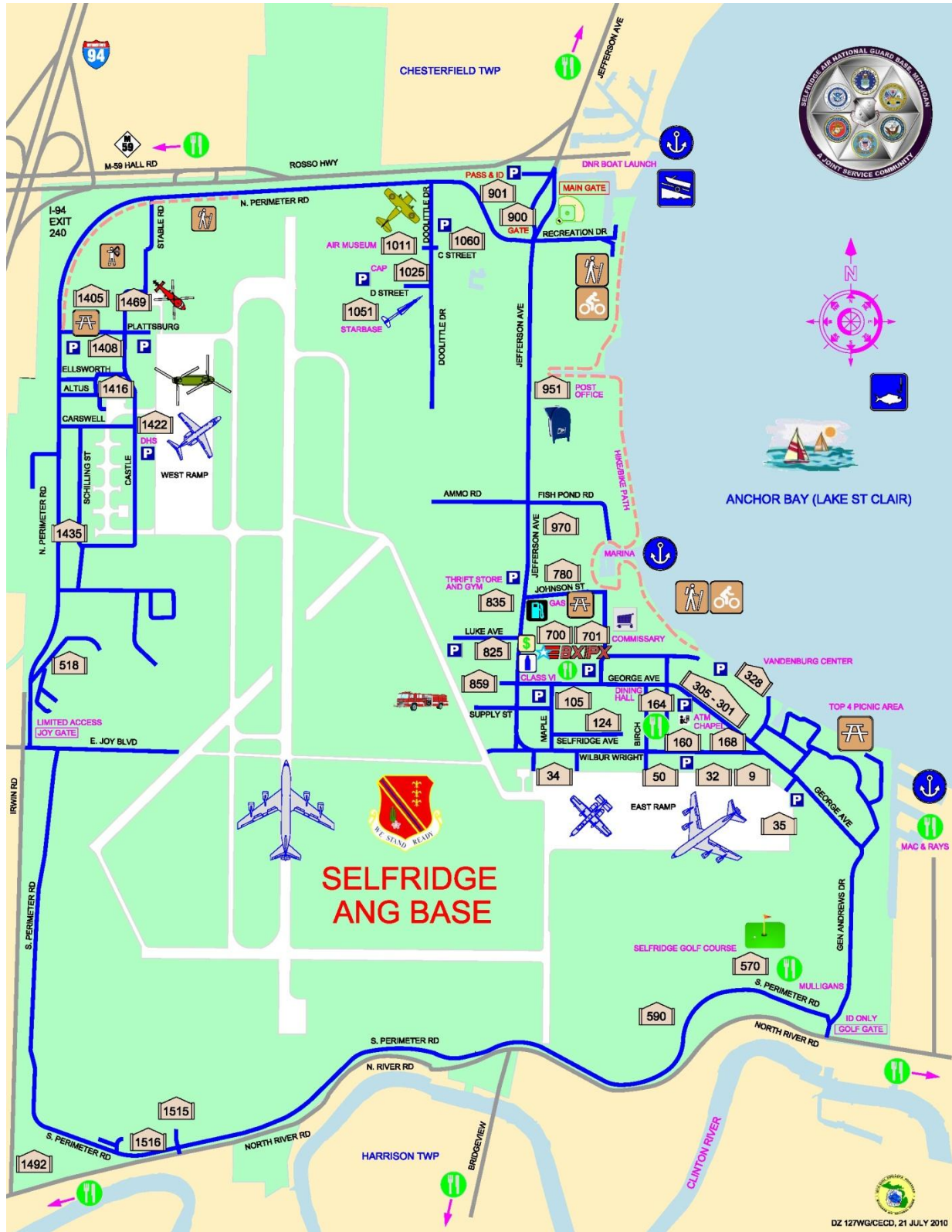
When driving, pay special attention at all times, and especially during periods of low visibility, for individuals or groups performing physical training on or near the roadway.

Pedestrians must wear reflective belts during the hours from dusk till dawn and during time periods of reduced visibility. Headphones, wireless communication devices or ear buds are not allowed when running or walking on the roadways.

Exiting the Base

Use extreme caution when exiting the base using the main gate to William P. Rosso Hwy/Hall Rd/M-59. When merging into west bound traffic, visually ensure vehicle traffic is clear even if east bound traffic stops to allow you access.

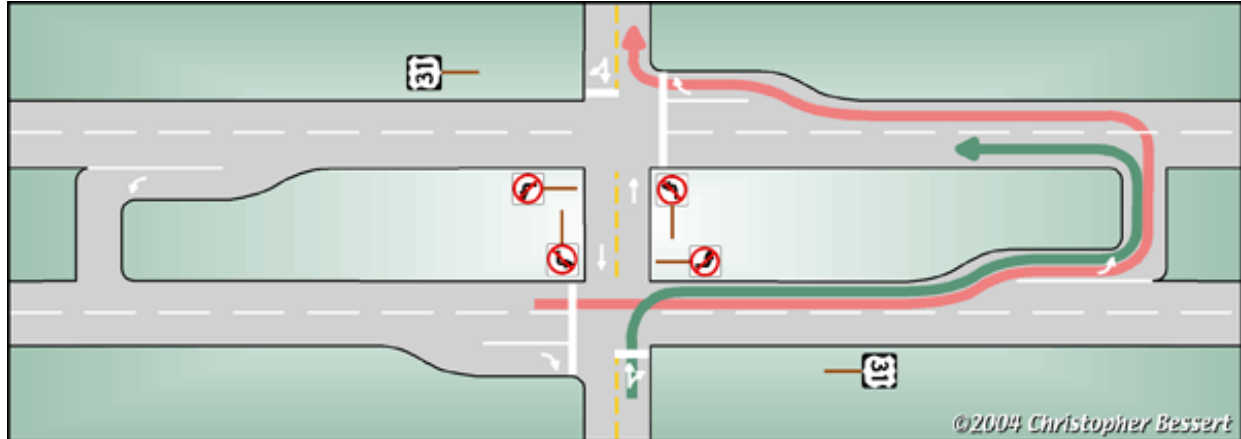
Selfridge Map



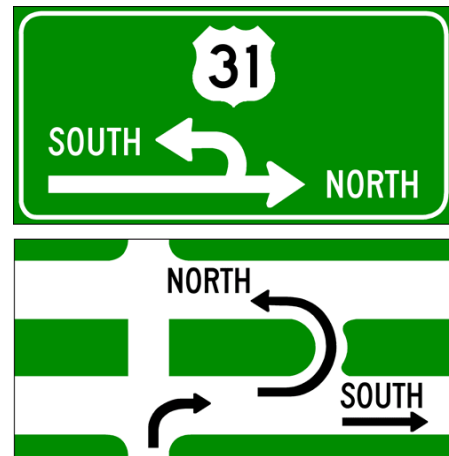
Local Area Traffic Information

Michigan lefts

Michigan uses a traffic pattern that is not very common in other parts of the U.S. This pattern is known as the Michigan Left. On roads with a divided median, left turns are generally not permitted at the intersection. Instead, drivers must proceed through the intersection, make a U-turn and then make a right turn onto their intended crossroad.



In the above diagram, the red line indicates the proper traffic flow for making a left turn onto a crossroad from a divided road. The green line indicates the proper traffic flow for making a left turn onto a divided road from a crossroad. Intersections that have Michigan Lefts will be marked with a sign several hundred feet before the intersection, giving drivers time to move to the proper lane. When you are in a turnaround lane, you may make a left turn on a steady red light if oncoming traffic is clear, after coming to a complete stop. If you are going straight across from a turnaround lane, you must wait for a green light.



Out-of-state drivers

If a driver with an out-of-state license is pulled over and cited for an infraction in Michigan, such as speeding, that driver must either surrender their license to the police officer, pay the officer \$100 or provide the officer with a guaranteed appearance certificate. This is to ensure the driver will either appear in court or pay their citation, since Michigan cannot suspend out-of-state licenses, as is the norm with Michigan licenses for non-payment of citations.

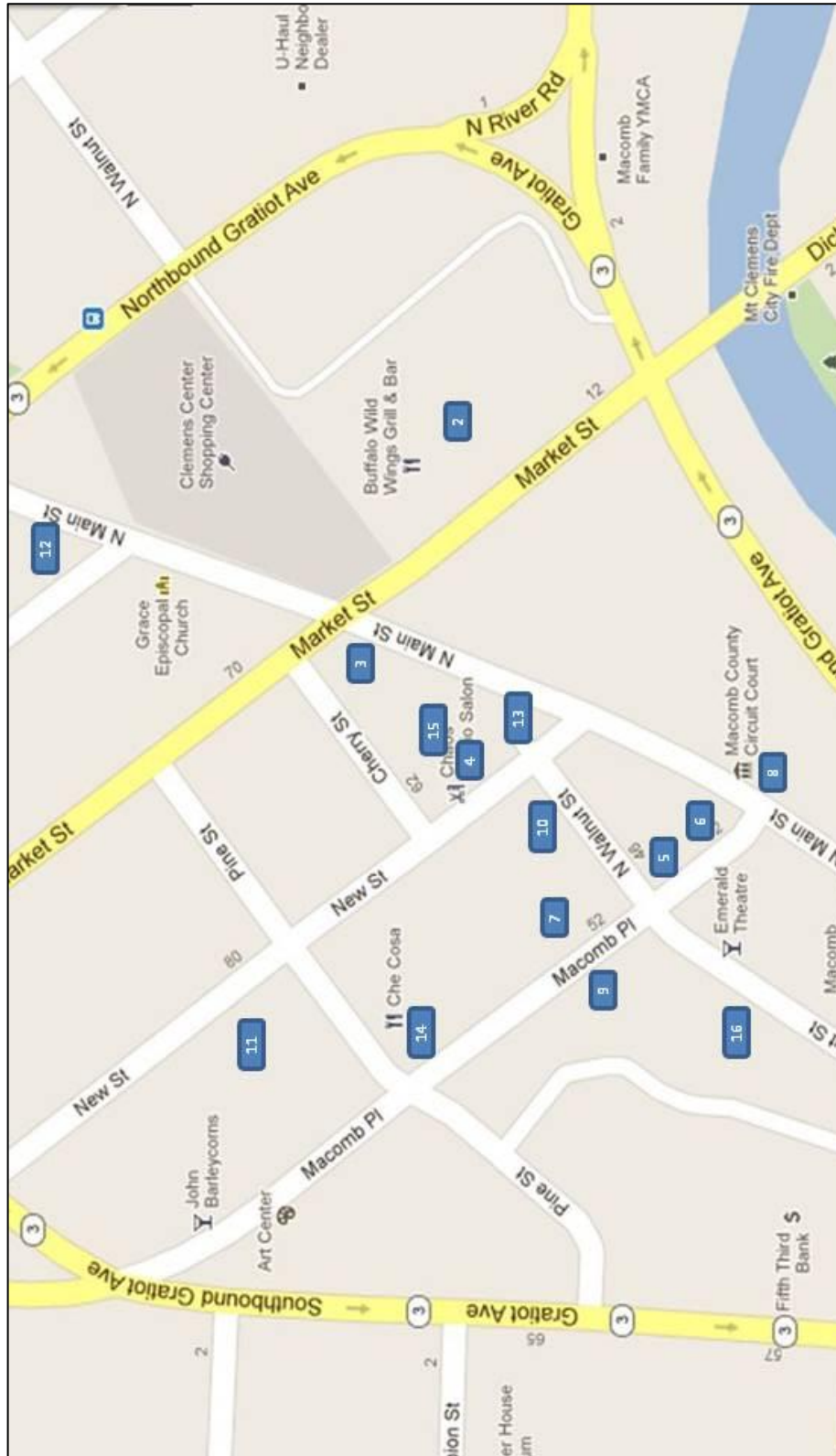
Local Area Maps

Hotels and shopping



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| 1. Wal-Mart | 8. Target |
| 2. Hampton Inn | 9. Comfort Inn |
| 3. Holiday Inn | 10. Hyatt/Holiday Inn/La Quinta Inn |
| 4. Target | 11. Courtyard/Staybridge Suites |
| 5. Mall at Partridge Creek | 12. Wal-Mart |
| 6. Lakeside Mall | 13. Meijer |
| 7. TownePlace Suites | 14. Gibraltar Trade Center |

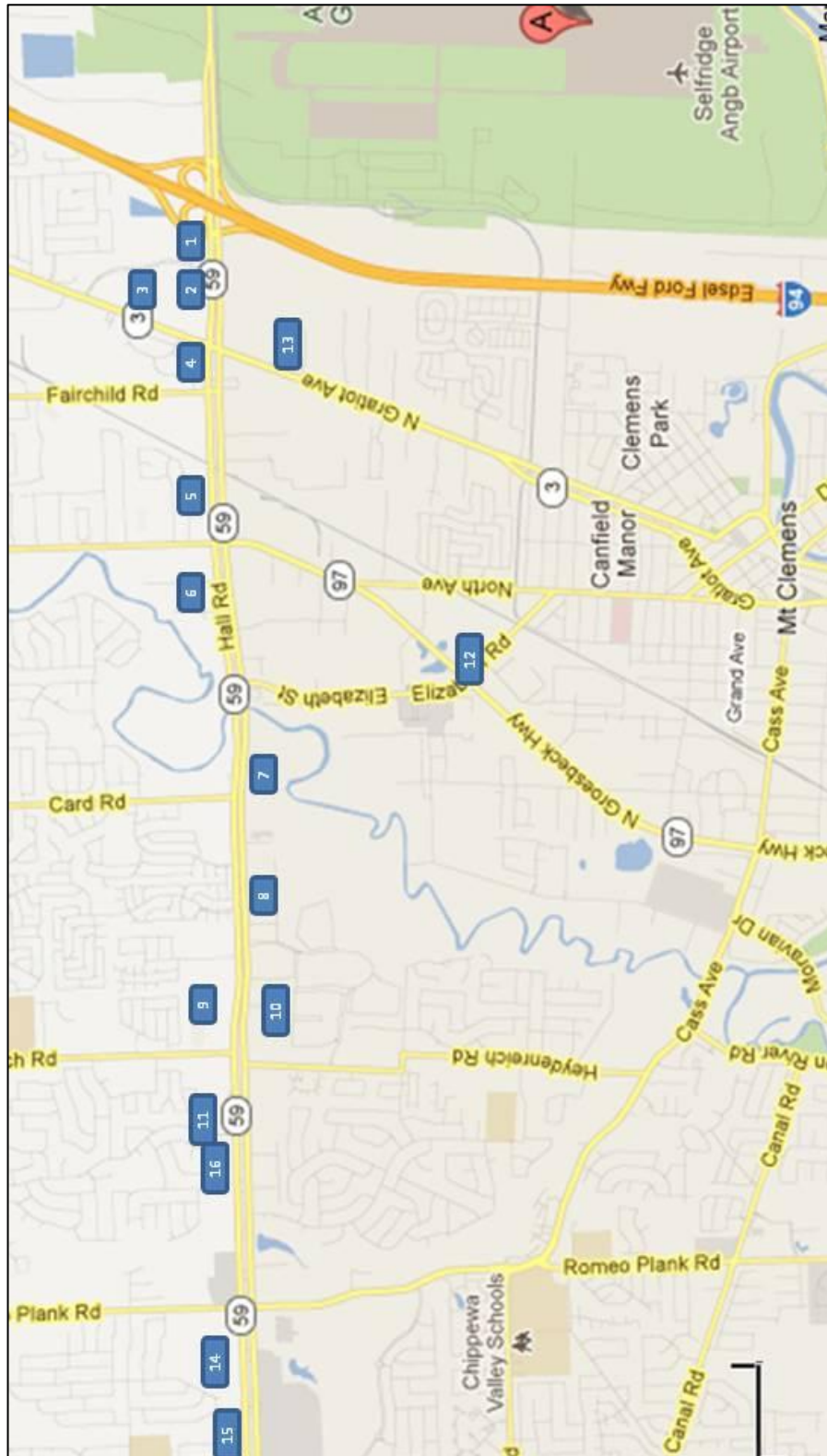
Restaurants – Downtown Mount Clemens



1. Happy's Pizza
2. Sam Sorrento's Pizza
3. Coco's Coney Island
4. Seeburger's Cheeseburgers
5. Salad Garden
6. Tango Thai
7. Thai Orchid
8. Court House Cafe

9. Bath City Bistro
10. Your Mother's Food and Spirits
11. Luigi's Downtown Restaurant
12. The Mitt Restaurant and Pizzeria
13. Gus' Mount Clemens Coney Island
14. Colombo Italia
15. Subway
16. Johnny G's

Restaurants – East Hall Road (M-59)



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| 1. Bob Evans | 9. Starbucks |
| 2. Twisted Rooster | 10. Thai Delight |
| 3. Taco Bell, Burger King, Arby's, McDonald's | 11. White Castle |
| 4. Mama Vicki's Coney Island | 12. Jimmy John's |
| 5. Dairy Queen/Orange Julius | 13. Penn Station East Coast Subs |
| 6. Wendy's/Tim Hortons | 14. Salsarita's Fresh Cantina |
| 7. McDonald's | 15. Five Guys Burgers & Fries |
| 8. Hungry Howie's Pizza | 16. Pizza Hut |

Restaurants – West Hall Road (M-59)



1. P.F. Chang's
2. California Pizza Kitchen
3. Big Boy
4. Red Robin
5. LongHorn Steakhouse
6. Golden Corral
7. Boston's Gourmet Pizza
8. Sonic

9. Denny's
10. Cheeseburger in Paradise
11. Olive Garden
12. Romano's Macaroni Grill
13. Boston Market
14. TGI Friday's
15. bd's Mongolian Grill
16. Dave & Buster's

Selfridge ANGB Fact Sheet

Home to units from every component of the U.S. Armed Forces, Selfridge is one of the oldest and most complex military air fields in the nation. With National Guard and/or Reserve personnel from every branch of the U.S. Armed Forces, Selfridge provides a broad range of services and capabilities to the state and to the nation. Known as the Home of Generals, the base was the duty station at one time to more than 150 officers who eventually became general officers in the U.S. Air Force.

The 127th Wing of the Michigan Air National Guard is the host unit at the base. The base is located on the shores of Lake St. Clair in Harrison Township, Mich., about 20 miles from downtown Detroit. More than 40 tenants, including components of the U.S. Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Customs & Border Protection, are located at Selfridge ANG Base. In total, nearly than 3,000 full-time civilian and military personnel work at the base, in addition to approximately 3,000 members of the Air and Army National Guard and the Reserve components of the U.S. Armed Forces. Primary aircraft assigned to the base are A-10 Thunderbolt II and KC-135 Stratotanker (Michigan Air National Guard); CH-47 Chinook helicopter (Michigan Army National Guard); HH-65 Dolphin helicopter (U.S. Coast Guard); and a variety of light helicopters and fixed wing aircraft (Customs & Border Protection).

Assigned Units

127th Wing, Michigan Air National Guard
Coast Guard Air Station Detroit
Navy Operations Support Center-Detroit
Marine Wing Support Group-47
Marine Wing Support Squadron 471-Det B
Border Patrol
Joint-Reserve Intelligence Support Element, European Command
Joint Combat Support Systems
Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 26
2nd Battalion, 337th Regiment
Army Aviation Support Facility #2
1st Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment
Customs and Border Protection Northern Air and Marine Wing
STARBASE

History

The origins of the 127th Wing and Selfridge Air National Guard Base date back to the days of Wilbur & Orville Wright. The base's namesake, Army Lt. Thomas Selfridge, was killed while flying on a demonstration flight with Orville Wright in 1908 – the first military casualty of flight. In 1917, a local auto pioneer, Henry B. Joy, leased his rural airfield near Detroit to the military to train pilots and related personnel. The military has operated the field ever since. During World War II, maintenance personnel of the famed Tuskegee Airmen, an all-African American unit, trained at the base and helped lead the way toward the ending of racial segregation in the military. During the Cold War era, Nike missiles were stationed at the base to guard the industrial might of the Detroit region. Following the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, the 127th Wing began flying combat air patrol missions over the Great Lakes region within hours of the attack. It maintained that 24-hour mission until 2008, when the Wing transitioned to its current flying missions with the KC-135 and A-10.

Over the years, dozens of different types of aircraft have been assigned to the base. Examples of many of these aircraft, as well as related memorabilia are on display at the Selfridge Military Air Museum, which is located on the base and is open to the public. The base is also home to the first STARBASE center, a program created at Selfridge and later replicated around the Dept. of Defense, which encourages school age children to study math, science and technology by introducing them to elements of the U.S. space program.

127th Wing Fact Sheet

Flying two aircraft and supporting three Air Force Major Commands, the 127th Wing is one of the most complex units in the U.S. Air Force. As a component of the Michigan Air National Guard, the Wing has a dual state and federal role and stands ready to serve both at home and abroad. Based at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mich., the 127th Wing is composed of approximately 1,700 Citizen-Airmen and provides highly-trained personnel and aircraft and support resources to serve the community, state and nation. The 127th Wing operates KC-135 Stratotankers, providing global aerial refueling capability in support of Air Mobility Command, and the A-10 Thunderbolt II, flying the close air support mission in support of Air Combat Command. The Wing also supports the Air Force Special Operations Command with its 107th Weather Flight.

Organization

The 127th Wing was created in 1996 by the merger of the 127th Fighter Wing and the 191st Airlift Group. The 127th Wing is broken into five groups, each of which is composed of various flights and squadrons.

- The 127th Air Refueling Group flies and maintains the KC-135T Stratotanker. The 127th ARG includes the 171st Air Refueling Squadron, 191st Operation Support Flight, 191st Maintenance Squadron, 191st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and 191st Maintenance Operations Flight.
- The 127th Operations Group which flies the A-10C Thunderbolt II. The 127th OG includes the 107th Fighter Squadron and 127th Operation Support Flight.
- The 127th Maintenance Group, which supports the A-10 mission. The 127th MXG includes the 127th Maintenance Squadron, 127th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and 127th Maintenance Operations Flight.
- The 127th Mission Support Group, which includes 127th Civil Engineer Squadron, 127th Security Forces Squadron, 127th Logistics Readiness Squadron, 127th Force Support Squadron, 127th Communication Squadron and 171st Aerial Port Flight.
- The 127th Medical Group, which provides for the combat readiness of the wing and provides a variety of medical support capabilities to the Air Force. The 127th MDG includes the 127th Medical Operations Flight and the 127th Medical Support Flight.
- In addition to the five groups, the Wing includes the 107th Weather Flight, a highly-skilled Special Forces unit that has deployed to numerous contingencies and operations around the world.

History

The 127th Wing includes one of the oldest existing units in the U.S. Air Force, the 107th Fighter Squadron. First organized as the 107th Aero Squadron in 1917, the unit was de-activated after World War I. After meeting in a garage in Detroit in 1925, the 107th Observation Squadron - consisting of 20 officers and 90 Airmen -- received federal recognition and has been in continuous operation since that time. During World War II, the unit was sent to England and flew combat support and reconnaissance during D-Day and through the end of the war in Europe. After the 2001 Terror Attacks, the Wing began flying air superiority patrols over the Detroit region and stood on 24-hour alert. In 2004, the unit was the first to fly the F-16 Falcon from a base inside Iraq. It began flying the A-10 in 2009.

The Wing's 171st Air Refueling Squadron traces its roots to World War II, when it was established as a unit flying the P-47 Thunderbolt in the European Command. During the Korean War it was activated to serve as a pilot training unit in the American Southwest. In the 1970s, it began flying the F-106 Delta Dart and the unit became known as the "Six Pack," a moniker it retains until this day. After many years of flying C-130 aircraft, the 171st transitioned to the aerial refueling mission in 2008. Since that time, the 127th ARG and its aircraft have supported operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya and other locations.

127th Wing Leadership

Col. Mike Thomas 127th Wing Commander



Colonel Michael T. Thomas is the commander, 127th Wing, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Michigan. The wing consists of 1,705 authorized personnel, operating both the A-10 and KC-135 aircraft, and supports the requirements of Air Combat Command, Air Mobility Command and Air Force Special Operations Command. His role as the host wing commander includes providing overall support and services to 44 DoD and DHS tenant organizations, including all branches of the military as well as the Coast Guard and Customs Border Patrol. Nearly 6700 Active, Guard, and Reserve military and civilian personnel call Selfridge Air National Guard Base home.

Colonel Thomas is a command pilot with over 4000 hours of flight time in the C-130 and KC-135. He began his military career in 1976 when he enlisted into the Air Force Reserves as a C-130 Loadmaster at Selfridge Air National Guard Base. During his career, his duties have included instructor pilot, flight commander, operations officer, squadron commander, operations group commander, and wing vice commander. Colonel Thomas assumed command of the 127th Wing on 4 June 2011.

EDUCATION:

1982 Oakland University, Bachelor of General Studies, Auburn Hills, Michigan
 1983 Officer Training School, Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio Texas
 2001 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
 2006 Air War College, by correspondence
 2011 Joint Task Force Commanders Course, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. July 1984 – May 1991, Rescue Pilot, C-130, 305th Air Rescue Squadron, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Michigan
2. June 1991 – August 1992, Pilot, C-130, 63rd Airlift Squadron, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Michigan
3. September 1992 – July 1994, Pilot, KC-135, 63rd Air Refueling Squadron, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Michigan
4. July 1994 – April 2003, Pilot, C-130, 171st Airlift Squadron, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Michigan
5. April 2003 – July 2003, Director of Operations, 171st Airlift Squadron, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Michigan
6. July 2003 – August 2004, Squadron Commander, 171st Airlift Squadron, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Michigan
7. August 2004 – December 2005, Operations Officer, 171st Airlift Squadron, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Michigan

8. December 2005 – January 2011, Group Commander, 127th Wing, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Michigan
9. January 2011 – June 2011, Vice Commander, 127th Wing, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Michigan
10. June 2011 - present, Wing Commander, 127th Wing, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Michigan

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: More than 4000

Aircraft Flown: KC-135, C-130, T-38, T-37

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal, with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal, with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal, with oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Unit Award, with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor device and four oak leaf clusters

Combat Readiness Medal, with eight oak leaf clusters

Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal, with oak leaf cluster

National Defense Service Medal, with service star

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, with two service stars

Iraq Campaign Medal, with one service star

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal

Air Force Overseas Ribbon Short

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border and one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Longevity Service Medal, with six oak leaf clusters

Armed Forces Reserve Medal, with hourglass device and 'M' device

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (Pistol)

AF Training Ribbon

Michigan War on Terrorism Medal

Louisiana Emergency Service Medal

Michigan Legion of Merit

Michigan Broadsword Service Medal with five service stars

Michigan OCONUS Ribbon with three oak leaf clusters

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant 26 July 1983

First Lieutenant 26 July 1986

Captain 26 July 1990

Major 26 July 1997

Lieutenant Colonel 26 July 2001

Colonel 26 April 2007

127th Wing Leadership



Col. Philip Sheridan
127th Wing Vice Commander



Col. Mike Thomas
127th Wing Commander



CMSgt Robert Dobson
127th Wing Command Chief



Col. Douglas Champagne
127th Operations
Group Commander



Col. Sidney Martin
127th Medical
Group Commander



Col. Mac Crawford
127th Mission Support
Group Commander



Lt. Col. Rolf Mammen
127th Maintenance
Group Commander



Col. David Brooks
127th Air Refueling
Group Commander